

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Please amend claims 1 through 8 and add new claims 9 through 12.

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (Currently amended) A feeding apparatus for cellulosic material comprising a screw (16), which feeds ~~said the~~ material ~~towards an counterstay~~ between a peripheral portion of a screw shaft and a screw housing for forming a pressure-tight material plug, ~~characterized in that~~ said screw (16) comprises shaft including a periphery flanged portion (22), which together with a throttle means (24) provided around said flanged portion, ~~in the house (14) of the apparatus,~~ forms an opening (28) in an outlet end of said housing through which ~~said the~~ material plug leaves said screw while forming a pressure[-]tight material plug (40).

Claim 2 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said throttle means ~~comprises~~ includes a plug pipe (24), which is displacably journalled (26) in to said ~~house (14)~~ housing so that ~~it~~ said plug pipe may be

~~brought towards or away from~~ adjusted relative to said periphery  
flanged portion (22) of said screw (16) to control ~~the~~ a size of  
the opening (20).

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Claim 3 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2,  
~~characterized in that said displacable bearing of the~~ wherein  
~~said plug pipe (24) is formed~~ is displaceably journaled by a  
spline connection between said plug pipe, ~~at the end of the screw~~  
~~which is opposite said periphery portion (22), and the inner~~  
~~surface of the house (14)~~ and said housing.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1,  
~~3 characterized in that the~~ wherein said screw shaft (20, 44) of  
~~the screw (16)~~ is journaled in a bearing house (42) outside of  
~~the house (14)~~ said housing.

Claim 5 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claims 1  
~~4, characterized in that the~~ wherein said bearing house (42) is  
provided at the outlet end of the ~~screw (16)~~ housing.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 4 ~~5~~  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said bearing house (42) is provided  
at a distance from ~~the house (14), whereby said distance forms~~  
~~said housing and thereby defines~~ a discharge space (34) for the  
pulp material.

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Claim 7 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claims 2  
~~5~~ ~~characterized in that including~~ wings (32) are provided on the  
~~said screw~~ shaft (20) ~~of the screw (16)~~ outside of and adjacent  
to the opening (28) for breaking up of the discharged material  
plug (40).

Claim 8 (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claims 4,  
~~characterized in that the wherein~~ displacement of the ~~said~~ plug  
pipe (24) is carried out by means of operating rods (30) mounted  
in the ~~said~~ bearing house (42).

Claim 9 (New) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said screw shaft  
is mounted in a bearing provided beyond said outlet end of said  
housing.

Claim 10 (New) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said bearing is provided at a distance from said housing and thereby defines a discharge space for the material.

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Claim 11 (New) The apparatus according to claim 2 including wings provided on said screw shaft outside of and adjacent to the opening for breaking up the discharged material.

Claim 12 (New) The apparatus according to claim 1 including wings provided on said screw shaft outside of and adjacent to the opening for breaking up the discharged material.

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